

House Resolution No.

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives wholeheartedly believe that a successful marriage forms a firm foundation for a lifetime of happiness and security and wish to salute an outstanding Missouri couple whose union confirms that philosophy; and

Whereas, Mr. and Mrs. James S. "Jim" Cross, treasured residents of Callao, Missouri, will commemorate the resplendent occasion of their Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary on June 14, 2008, with a festive celebration to be held in Callao; and

Whereas, joined in marriage before the eyes of the Lord on June 1, 1958, James S. Cross and Elma "Joann" Biegel began their lives together as husband and wife after a memorable wedding ceremony at Callao Christian Church; and

Whereas, since that happy day, Jim and Joann Cross have witnessed with pleasure the growth of their mutual trust and understanding, qualities which continue to endear them to one another with each passing year; and

Whereas, a proud father and caring husband who loves to restore old tractors and attend auctions, Mr. Cross provided a safe and secure future for his loved ones as a farmer and owner of a farm supply and feed store, while somehow finding the time and energy for affiliation with the Democrat Club; and

Whereas, a devoted wife, loving mother, and exemplary homemaker whose hobbies include flower gardening and auctions, Mrs. Cross enjoyed her family immensely and further distinguished herself as a bank teller at Callao for thirty years and member of the Democrat Club; and

Whereas, Jim and Joann Cross attribute their fifty years of wedded success and happiness to their strong sense of faith and family, the foundation upon which they have planted the seeds of their love and respect for each other in the generations to follow which include their two daughters, Debra Jolene Waddill and Kimberly Jean Elam; and their four grandchildren and three great-grandchildren:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join in a thunderous round of applause for Jim and Joann Cross upon the glorious celebration of their Golden Wedding Anniversary, and in wishing them much peace and prosperity as they proudly continue their journey along life's path; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Mr. and Mrs. James S. "Jim" Cross.

Offered by _____
Representative Tom Shively
District No. 8

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives,
Ninety-fourth General Assembly, Second Regular Session,
do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House
Resolution No. ____, adopted ____, 2008.

Rod Jetton, Speaker